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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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   NAKAYAMA, MASATO, et al., *Study On Automatic Lung Cancer Lesion Recognition Using 3D Morphological Filter,* **Proceedings of Japanese Society of Medical Imaging Technology, Vol. 13, No. 2, pp. 155-164 (1995)**

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